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FM AMEMBASSY CARACAS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9069

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E. O. 11652: ADS DECLAS MARCH 14, 1976

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SUBJECT: OPIC INVESTMENT INSURANCE- LUKENS STEEL COMPANY
APPLICATION

REF: STATE 46203

1. EMBASSY HAS SHOWN HAROLD JENSEN OF LUKENS STEEL TEXT OF LETTER ON LUKENS' APPLICATION FOR INVESTMENT INSURANCE WHICH WOULD BE SENT TO MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT IN ACCORD WITH STATE 46203. JENSEN HAS REQUESTED THAT LETTER NOT BE FORWARDED TO MINISTRY UNTIL LUKENS OFFICIALS HAVE DISCUSSED POSSIBLE WORDING CHANGES WITH OPIC IN WASHINGTON. HE ALSO ADVISED ARISTEGUIETA OF CVG OF THIS REQUEST. EMBASSY WILL NOT FORWARD LETTER TO MINISTRY UNTIL FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS ARE RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT.

2. JENSEN SPECIFICALLY WISHES TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITY OF ELIMINATING WORDING OF PARAGRAPH 3 REFTEL STATING THAT " INVESTOR HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT NO INSURANCE CONTRACT WILL BE ISSUED UNTIL WE HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO CLARIFY THE UNDERSTANDINGS BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS REGARDING THE OPERATION OF THIS PROGRAM IN LIGHT OF VENEZUELA'S PROSPECTIVE ACCESSION TO FOREIGN INVESTMENT CODE OF ANDEAN PACT." EMBASSY EXPLAINED TO JENSEN RATIONALE AS PROVIDED PARAGRAPH 2 REFTEL FOR INCLUDING THIS LANGUAGE AND THAT DECISION TO ALTER THIS PART OF LETTER WOULD HAVE TO BE TAKEN BY OPIC.

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3. JENSEN BELIEVES THAT ABOVE PASSAGE WOULD LEAD VENEZUELAN
GOVERNMENT TO INFER THAT THIS PARTICULAR PROJECT WAS BEING USED TO PUT

PRESSURE ON GOV TO REACH NEW AGREEMENT ON OPIC PROGRAM.
JENSEN SUGGESTS THAT WORDING BE OMITTED AND THAT LUKENS SPECIFY
IN ITS APPLICATION TO MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT THAT INVESTMENT WOULD
BE CONTINGENT UPON RECEIVING OPIC INSURANCE. JNESEN FEELS THAT
CVG COULD THEN PUSH FOR EARLY APPROVAL OF VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT
WITHOUT IMPLICATION OF OUTSIDE INTERVENTION.
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